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CURRENT REPORTS

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1. LEBANON: INTERCONHUNAL VIOLENCE

Intercommunal animosities, exacerbated by the attempt on December 1 to assassinate Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, sparked clashes yesterday between Christian and Druse militiamen in the Shuf District southeast of Beirut. The Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon Radio claimed that the fighting began after Israeli troops withdrew from two towns in the area.

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3. DENMARK: INF FUNDING DEBATE THREATENS TO TOPPLE GOVERNMENT

Two opposition socialist parties have introduced a parliamentary resolution binding the government to delay indefinitely any contribution to infrastructure funding for IMF. Embassy Copenhagen reports that Parliament will debate the measure December 7. At least one minister believes the government may make this a question of confidence, implying it will resign if defeated.

Embassy Comment: The government cannot allow itself to be humiliated on such a fundamental defense question, and thus there is a real possibility it will fall. While some key actors still consider a compromise feasible, it is difficult to imagine an accord satisfying to both sides. (COMFIDENTIAL)

4. GREAT BRITAIN: PRESSURE AGAINST CRUISE MISSILE DEPLOYMENTS

Prime Minister Thatcher faces a growing domestic political challenge to deployment of cruise missiles, Embassy London reports. A recent poll indicates that, for the first time, a majority of Britons

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